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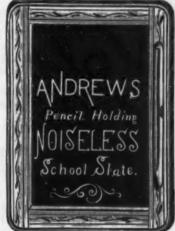
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"Dosia," as is noted elsewhere, is expected to receive the honors of the French Academya rare tribute to a novel. If it is half as popular here as it has been in Paris, Estes & Lauriat should have a pretty purseful from it.

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BUSINESS NOTES.

BOSTON.—A meeting of the creditors of J. H. Bufford's Sons will be held at their office, No. 141 Franklin Street, on Monday, March 25th, at 2 P.M., when a statement of their affairs will be made.

BOSTON.—The partnership of A. Williams & Co. expired by limitation on March 1st. Mr. J. E. Cupples retires. The present firm consists of A. Williams, C. L. Damrell, and H. M. Upham.

Boston.-Thomas N. Cook, Jr, book-dealer and stationer, has failed.

PHILADELPHIA.—J. L. Sibole has removed to the building of the Baptist Board, 1420 Chestnut Street, where he occupies an office, in which he will carry on his publishing business, " Violet having given up his retail trade. "Violet with Eyes of Blue" and "Gathering of the Lilies" were his most prominent publications of last year.

The Publishers' Weekly.

MARCH 23, 1878.

PUBLISHERS are requested to furnish title-page proofs and advance information of books forthcoming, both for entry in the lists and for descriptive mention. An early copy of each book published should be forwarded, to insure correctness in the final entry.

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The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries." Notes from librarians will also be gratefully received.

In case of business changes, notification or card should be immediately sent to this office for entry under "Business Notes." New catalogues issued will also be mentioned when forwarded.

"Every man is a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help thereunto."—LORD BACON.

SPRING TRADE.

IT has come to be somewhat discouraging that as each season, spring and fall, makes its return, when trade is expected to "pick up" and "take a new start," so many prophecies of better times, not extravagant in their hopefulness, persistently come to naught. The first three months of the present year have been among the flattest the trade has ever known, in which the trade sympathizes only too closely with the general condition of business. The legislation of that period has not been calculated to inspire business men with confidence, and such incidental helps in discouragement as the long-continued mud embargo at the West have aided in the stagnation of business. In our own trade the failure of a house which was regarded as one of the strongest and squarest in the West has caused a sudden shock and has still more unsettled affairs.

However, there is always something doing, even in the book business and in the dullest of times, and our announcement lists and notices elsewhere show that the world has by no means come to an end as yet, although most houses are rather cautious in laying out their plans. The book business, despite its peculiar difficulties and present discouragements, seems to be no worse off to-day than most other trades, and the prompt and general payment of the large number of notes coming due this spring from the fall trade sale, indeed shows a better condition than might have been expected. The offering at the spring trade sale, as already noted, is large and attractive, and the throwing of these goods on the market, unfortunate as we regard it in its general result, compels effort on the part of purchasers to "keep things moving." In fact, the dull times, if they do not

afford inspiration, give a reason why no possible endeavor on the part of dealers—especially the retailers—should be lacking to "make the best of them." Dull times may always be bettered, to some degree, by lively work.

As things get worse, indeed, they are also on the way to getting better-which is a consolation that must be acknowledged by the most despondent. This country of ours must furnish an increasing book market, and the set. back of these times can be only temporary. To what extent this market shall be cultivated. when the chance comes again, depends much on how trade is managed, and it is with regard to this future that we lament the abuses in the trade to which both sides have been pushed in late years. But with better times, and the relief of this terrible pressure, there will be more chance and better dealing all around, and the only thing for the present is to bide the time, stand by each other, do the best that can be done in the way of "pushing things," and hope for the "good time coming."

DOUBTLESS we shall by and by have order out of chaos in the postal matters, when there will be a general sigh of relief. But there must be hard work at details to get any satisfactory general result. The Committee, it is understood, will stick to the bill which has resulted from the conferences with publishers in the several cities, as its basis, instead of Mr. Sayler's new bill. Our own opinion has been that subscribership, under definitions affording proper protection to the government, is a better basis for privilege than the registration process; but as the publishers generally have agreed upon the registration as now provided for, that should be left as it is. Some points of Mr. Sayler's bill should be inserted in Judge Bissell's, as the permission to enter prices in writing on printed price-lists, which should specifically include the entry of price in sample and press copies of books, and perhaps the transmission of copies to contributors, etc., at bulk rates. We cannot too strongly insist on the Boston point, that the absurd distinction between weeklies and monthlies at local carrier offices should be given up, and a uniform bulk rate (two cents per pound) for all places be substituted. We as strongly protest, in the name of all publishers, against the proposed prohibition of sending newspapers by private conveyance. The Tract House in New York, for instance, sends its periodical publications to its general agencies in quantities by the ton -a right which should not be assailed. Somebody seems to have hit on a good idea in the return postal-card.

THE SPRING OUTLOOK.

WE present below our usual editorial summary, arranged by publishers, of the announcements for the approaching season, which is usually considered to be inaugurated by the spring trade sale. We have this year introduced into our announcement-lists proper the innovation of a classification by subject, instead of the usual arrangement by publishers, so that the two departments no longer virtually duplicate each other, and the "seeker after truth" may now learn both from what houses and on what subjects the spring books are to come.

THE AMERICAN METRIC BUREAU has in preparation a "Metric Primer," a practical text-book, and other specialties in its field.

THE AMERICAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION, among their announcements for this spring, have "Loss and Gain; or, Great Fortunes," by Mrs. A. K. Dunning; "The Bible in the Counting-House," a course of lectures to merchants, and "The Bible in the Family," or hints on domestic happiness, both by the Rev. H. A. Boardman, and formerly published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., who have sold the plates to the Sunday-school Union. The retail price will be 75 cents each. "Views of Heaven" is a small work upon the much-discussed question of the future state, and is principally made up of extracts from the writings of Whately and others; it has also some reflections suggested by this important topic. Clara F. Guernsey, author of "Dr. Leighton's Prisoner," has written a new work, "The Shawnee Prisoner, a Borderer's Story," which will be a very attractive book for "The Shawnee Prisoner, a Borderer's children, as it will contain accounts of Indian customs and manners. "The Scholar's Hand-Book," Part X., on the International Lessons, from July to December, 1878,—"Studies in Luke," by the Rev. Edwin W. Rice,—will be ready in good time for use.

THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY will have a number of new books for the Sunday-school library: a descriptive story of Egypt, "Yusuf in Egypt and His Friends," by Mrs. S. K. Hunt; "Aunt Lou's Scrap-Book," by Mrs. H. B. McKeever; "Folded Hands," by Mrs. S. B. Titterington; "Nan's Thanksgiving," by Hope Ledyard, and "Satisfied," by Cath. M. Trowbridge.

D. APPLETON & Co. have already issued this spring a most important line of books, and have a list of much interest still ahead. Gen. Upton's books on "The Armies of Asia and Europe," in which he gives the result of his observations during a military tour round the world, and on "The Military Policy of the United States," will be of more than average interest, and the "Life of Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston," by William P. Johnston, should interest North as well as South. Mr. George B. Prescott, author of a standard work on the telegraph and the electrician of the Western Union Company, has nearly ready a book on "The Speaking Telephone" and other electrical novelties, in a fully-illustrated octavo. "The Creative Week," a series of lectures on Genesis, by George D. Boardman, and the first volume of "The Bible Reader's Commentary," by Dr.

J. Glentworth Butler, containing "The Fourfold Gospel," a consolidation of the four texts with annotations from Christian writers, will represent religious literature. Among miscellaneous books, "The Pacific Railways and Colorado," a finely-illustrated descriptive guide; the "National Training-School Book of Cookery," edited by an American lady, and a manual of "Hygiene and the Laws of Health," by Prof. Corfield, of London, are noticeable. In education, a "Latin Speaker," by President Sewall, of Urbana University, is in press. The earliest volumes of the International Science series will be Prof. Thurston's "Philosophical Outline of the Growth of the Steam-Engine," Prof. Lockyer's "Spectrum Analysis," and Prof. Rood on "Chromatics, from the Modern Point of View." A number of others are announced, but are not likely to come soon. In novels, there are "Bonny Kate," by Christian Reid; a new one by Miss Broughton; and, in the popular "Collection of Foreign Authors," "Mme. Gosselin," from the French of Louis Ulbach, Theuriet's "Raymonde" and "The Godson of the Marquis," "In Paradise," by Paul Heyse, and a new novel by Cherbuliez.

A. S. BARNES & Co. are pushing forward their combined Davies-Peck mathematical series, which is to include a full set of textbooks, containing the best features of the works both of Professor Davies and Professor Peck.

A. J. BICKNELL & Co. have in preparation an architectural volume of tempting title in "Old Homes Made New," the architectural Aladdin being Mr. W. M. Woollett; also a new specimen-book containing a hundred architectural designs.

IRA BRADLEY & Co., Boston, are to publish "Gwendolen," the sequel to "Daniel Deronda," announced some time since by William F. Gill & Co.

BRYAN, BRAND & Co., St. Louis, will have shortly L. N. Reavis' biography of Gen. W. S. Harney, a hero of several of our wars.

G. W. CARLETON & Co. have nearly ready the Sothern book, "Birds of a Feather," which with its character portraits will be enjoyed by all admirers of that versatile actor and practical joker, and by all lovers of fun, and an amusing book called "Mr. Ghim's Dream," by an anonymous author.

ROBERT CARTER & BROTHERS have nearly ready a new volume by the famous children's preacher, Rev. Richard Newton, D.D., to be entitled "The King in His Beauty." Like his other books, it is full of illustrative incidents and stories. Dr. Newton's works have not only been republished in both England and Scotland, but some of them have been translated into Arabic, and one of them is now being rendered into the dialect of one of the tribes of our North American Indians. The same house have nearly ready a new work by the Rev. Alexander Dickson, author of that popular devotional volume "All About Jesus," to be entitled "Beauty for Ashes." It is intended as a book of consolation for the Christian in trouble, and will be uniform with its predecessor.

S. E. Cassino, Salem, will soon issue a series of low-priced, popular, instructive, and interesting works on Natural History, of which J. H. Emerton's "The Structure and Habits of Spi-

ders" will be the first volume. "How to Cultivate Ferns and Allied Plants," by John Robinson and others, will follow in a short succession. Ingersoll's "Natural History of the Nests and Eggs of American Birds" is in preparation; the work will be illustrated with plates, in which every species is to be figured.

CASSELL, PETTER & GALPIN have two interesting books forthcoming, in "The Great Thirst Land," an account of the South African regions, including the gold fields, by Parker Gilmore ("Ubique"), and "The Campaign in Armenia," a graphic narrative of the early events of the Russo-Turkish war on the Asian side, by C. B. Norman, the special correspondent of the London Times.

CLARK & MAYNARD will add to their educational books "A Collegiate Course in the French Language," by Prof. Keetels, and Anderson's School History of Rome.

CLAXTON, REMSEN & HAFFELFINGER are about to publish a novel under the tempting title of "My Intimate Enemy," from the pen of an anonymous writer, and a new edition of Von Arlt's well known treatise on "Injuries of the Eye."

ALBERT COGSWELL will publish an American adaptation of "The Child's Guide to Knowledge," which has run through over fifty editions abroad; also a little book on "Morality," by Jas. Piatt, an English writer.

THOMAS Y. CROWELL is getting up a new Sunday-school Library Collection, No. 4, thirty-six selected volumes adapted to primary and infant classes; also new sets under the titles of "Archie Vernon's Library," "Curly and Kitty's Library," 'Nita and Freddy's Library," and "Golden Secret Library." A volume of "Favorite Poems" will be added to his popular and very cheap editions of the British Poets.

JAMES H. EARLE has nearly ready "The Human Body and Health," by E. Small, D.D., which is favorably spoken of as giving valuable information that can safely be put into the hands of children as well as of parents. It is in the form of conversations between a physician and his children, and introduces an element of religious teaching.

ESTES & LAURIAT are issuing the new edition of Cuvier's great work on "The Animal Kingdom," profusely illustrated with colored plates and wood-cuts, at the remarkably low price of \$6, and besides Dr. Packard's report on "Insects of the West," have new editions of his preceding books. "Dosia," the new volume of the "Cobweb Series," is sure to be one of the season's hits.

FORDS, HOWARD & HULBERT have for their new book Mrs. Stowe's novel of "Poganuc People," now running in the Christian Union, a book which should not only have a wide sale of its own, but freshen up the sales of Mrs. Stowe's other works.

GINN & HEATH publish soon a "Primer of Latin Prosody," by Dr. J. M. Whiton, Principal of Milliston Seminary; and Laighton's "New Latin Lessons," with references to Allen and Greenough's new Latin Grammar. Later they will bring out seven books of Cæsar's Commentaries, edited by Rev. J. H. Allen and Prof. Greenough, with references to their new Grammar; an "Introduction to the Study of the Rhythmic and Metric of the Classical Lan-

guages," edited from the German of Dr. J. H. Heinrich Schmidt, by J. W. White, assistant professor of Greek at Harvard, who has introduced illustrations from English poets and adapted this valuable work specially to the use of English students; and the first four books of Xenophon's "Anabasis," edited by Professors Goodwin and White, of Harvard, with copious notes and references to Goodwin's "Greek Grammar" and to White's "First Lessons in Greek," and with a Vocabulary.

E. J. HALE & Sons are about to issue a new edition of "Light on the Cloud," a book of consolation, and a volume of poems by Rev. Dr. A. Means, of Amery College, Georgia.

HARPER & BROTHERS will shortly commence the publication of the new series of brief books on "English Men of Letters," edited by a wellknown English scholar, John Morley, and written by some of the first of English writers. They are to be thorough though compact books, tell. ing what is best worth knowing as to the life. character, and works of the great masters of English. So far as announced, the series will include: Johnson, by Leslie Stephen; Spenser, by the Dean of St. Paul's; Bunyan, by James A. Froude; Milton, by Mark Pattison; Wordsworth, by Goldwin Smith; Swift, by John Morley; Burns, by Principal Shairp; Scott, by R. H. Hutton; Shelley, by J. A. Symonds; Gibbon, by J. C. Morrison; Goldsmith, by Wm. Black. The important book of the spring, so far as sales go, will be of course Stanley's new volume, "Through the Dark Continent," which will be finely illustrated. It may be expected in May or June. The second volume of Green's History of the English People, in library edition, is nearly ready. A finely-illustrated book on "Modern Dwellings," by H. Hudson Holly, will include the interesting papers contributed by him to the Magazine. A very beautiful book descriptive of "The Atlantic Islands," on both the western and eastern coasts, from the pen of Mr. S. G. W. Benjamin, will be widely attractive; there is also a scientific book on "The Atlantic" itself in press. Dr. John W. Draper collects a number of his popular science papers, etc., under the title of "Scientific Memoirs;" and there will be the usual publication, for 1877, of Prof. Spencer F. Baird's "Annual Record of Science and Industry." A little treatise on educational philosophy, "The School and the Family," by Mr. John Kennedy, and a text-book, "The Student's French Grammar," will be added on the educational list. "Deceivers Ever," by Mrs. H. Lovett Cameron, will be added to the Select Library of Novels; and to the Half-Hour series, "Reaping the Whirlwind," by Mary Cecil Hay; "Seven Years and Mair," by Anne T. Sadlier; "A Sussex Idyl," by Clementina Black; "Georgie's Wooer," by Mrs. Leith-Adams; "The Youth's Health-Book;" and three primers of the successive periods of English literature, by Mr. Eugene Lawrence.

FRANCIS HART & Co. will soon publish a second edition of Theodore L. De Vinne's valuable work on "The Invention of Printing," a book which is a real credit to American typographical scholarship, and which has been recognized as such abroad.

HENRY HOLT & Co. can prophesy for the spring only their new novel by Auerbach in

the "Leisure Hour" series, "Landolin," a story of German village life in his old vein, and Taine's book on "The French Revolution," the second volume of his brilliant work on "The Beginnings of Contemporary France," of which "The Ancient Régime" was the first.

HOUGHTON, OSGOOD & Co. have nearly ready a book on "Political Economy," by Hon. J. B. Howe, of Indiana; also "A Dialogue about Political Economy," from the same hand. A newly revised edition of "The Satchel Guide for the Vacation Tourist in Europe" is to be issued soon. This "Guide" has stood the crucial test of use for years, and is found to contain just the information European travellers need. The edition for 1878 will be specially prepared for the use of visitors to the Paris Exposition. Mr. Baxter P. Smith, of Brookline, Mass., has written a "History of Dartmouth College," narrating its origin and progress, and its various relations to the history of the country. Webster, Chase, Choate, George Ticknor, and other famous graduates will lend interest to this volume, which, of course, will number all Dartmouth graduates among its patrons. The "Life of Gen. W. F. Bartlett," the knightly young soldier who was foremost in war and foremost likewise in speaking noble and statesmanlike words to restore peace and confidence when war was over, has been written by Gen. F. W. Palfrey, of Boston, and cannot fail to attract a large circle of readers, South as well as "The Life of Charlotte Cushman," by Miss Emma Stebbins, the intimate friend of the great actress, promises to be a notable biogra-Longfellow's "Poems of Places" will continue, the next volume being devoted to Russia and Siberia; following ones to Syria, Persia, and other parts of Asia, to Africa, and to America. It will be a large library when completed, and as valuable as it is unique. Sweet-ser's "Artist Biographies" will appear regularly, the next volumes being devoted to Sir Joshua Reynolds, Michael Angelo, and Washington Allston. This series is a model of compact, intelligent, popular work.

THE ORANGE JUDD Co. have a book of "House Plans for Everybody,"—everybody who has even the minimum wherewith to build a house,—by S. B. Reed, and "Talks about Manures," by the author of that celebrated work, "Harris on the Pig."

HOMER LEE & Co. have nearly ready for issue West Point "Tic-Tacs," a clever book of caricatures and rhymes that will do for the army cadets what "Fag-Ends" did for the navy middies.

LEE & SHEPARD have quite a number of books in press, largely in the domain of fiction. The author of "That Husband of Mine," having tried her "'prentice hand" and won a great popular success, now attempts a greater work, a story of far higher rank, which she calls "Rothmell." An unknown, or rather an anonymous, writer goes back into the dawn of things, and in "Seola" describes what his (or her) imagination found there of the romantic and the marvellous. "The Fall of Damascus," by Charles Wells Russell, comes within the confines of history, and is said to be remarkable for general fidelity to facts and graphic description of incidents. "Nobody's Husband" continues the "Sparkling Series," in which "That Husband," "That Wife," and other stories belong. "A

Paper City," by D. R. Locke, is a story of inflation, "holding the mirror up to nature," that is, to the nature of inflationists, and so is eminently a novel for the present time, if not for all time. Rev. M. J. Savage, in "Bluffton," tells a story of love and radical theology, the love being very good and pure, the theology very frank and manly if not at all orthodox. Rev. W. M. Baker writes of "A Year worth Living," which may confidently be anticipated as both interesting and sensible, since Mr. Baker writes it. Judge Cozzens has written a story entitled "The Silver Seekers," whose name easily hints plenty of adventure and incident, and ought to make it universally popular at the South and West. One book of travel and adventure, by N. H. Bishop, describes the "Voyage of a Paper Canoe" from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico, and will be sure of a host of readers. Its maps are made from the accurate observations of the Coast Survey. "Vasco da Gama," by George M. Towle, is to be the first volume of a series devoted to "Heroes of History." The series is intended for young folks, will be illustrated, and the second and third volumes will tell the stories of Pizarro and Magellan. A "Mother Goose" masquerade, which will appear quite soon, and a "Historical Students' Manual," by Alfred Waite, fill out, for the present, a long list which will be considerably increased.

LINDSAY & BLAKISTON announce a new and fifth edition of "Parke's Manual of Practical Hygiene." Dr. De Chaumont, the successor of Dr. Parke, as professor of hygiene in the Army Medical School, has revised the work, and has added to it much new matter and many additional illustrations. They will have also a new and enlarged edition of "Headaches, their Causes, Nature, and Treatment," by William H. Day; Part III. of Godlee's "Atlas of Human Anatomy," a folio atlas of colored plates with references, and an octave part of letter-press, to be completed in twelve or thirteen parts; Thorowgood's notes on "Asthma, its Nature, Forms, and Treatment;" the third edition of Hutchinson's "Illustrations of Clinical Surgery Volume I., which will contain the first ten" fasciculi, consisting of numerous colored plates, photographs diagrames, ct., with descriptive letter-press.

J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co. have a number of announcements for this spring, the most prominent of which is the Rev. Dr. Batterson's work, entitled "The American Episcopate." This will be a sketch-book of the Episcopate in this country, giving the lives of the most prominent bishops from the earliest foundation of the church in this country to the present day. The third edition of Lewis R. Hamersley's "Records of Living Officers of the U. S. Navy" will be ready early next month. This valuable work has been carefully revised, with numerous important additions; it is compiled from official sources, and is therefore perfectly reliable and correct—a very important feature in a work of this kind. It has, besides, a history of naval operations during the Rebellion of 1861-5, and a list of the ships and officers participating in the great battles. There will be, also, a new edition of "The Daughter of an Egyptian King," from the German of George Ebers, a charming story; a "Hand-Book of Ophthal-mology," by Prof. Schweigger, of the University of Berlin, translated by Dr. Porter Farley, illustrated; "Earthly Suffering and Heavenly Glory," and other sermons, by Henry A. Boardman, D.D., author of "Bible in the Counting-House," etc.; "Paradise Lost," a critical study, by John A. Himes, Graeff Professor of the English language and literature in Pennsylvania College; and a volume of poems by Algernon Logan, called "Image of Air and other Poems."

LOCKWOOD, BROOKS & Co. have nearly ready the new novel in their bright "Wayside Series," the story of Italian life called "Pillone."

D. LOTHROP & Co.'s new books include "Echoing and Re-echoing," a thoroughly evangelical religious story, by Faye Huntington; "Loved into Shape" and "Osgood's Rebellion," two English stories for boys, in one book; "The Best Way," "The Best Ornament," and "Pet's Christmas Honor," three books, with many full-page pictures, for children; "Links in Rebecca's Life," by "Pansy," whose stories are widely popular in religious families; Dr. Dorchester's "Concessions of 'Liberalists' to Orthodoxy," which cannot fail to attract much attention; and a new edition of the "Golden Treasury" "Pilgrim's Progress," with 17 fullpage illustrations. They propose also to publish every month a new book from the English, at the uniform price of 50 cents each. These at the uniform price of 50 cents each. books are to be carefully selected from the best Sunday-school volumes issued in England, and they will doubtless find a large demand from the hundreds of thousands of Sunday-schools in America. The first book in this series will be "Harrie; or, School-Girl Life." Following volumes will be "Lottie Freeman's Work," "Little Faults," "Dreams and Deeds," "Rhoda Lyle," "Little Mike's Charge."

MACMILLAN & Co. have in preparation a volume of essays by the distinguished naturalist, Alfred Russell Wallace, on "Tropical Nature" and other subjects; a discussion of "The Problem of the Homeric Poems," by Prof. W. D. Geddes; the long-promised "Life of George Combe," author of the "Constitution of Man," an interesting contribution to biographical literature, so popular just now, written by Charles Gibbon, and with portraits by Jeens; a volume by Thos. Hughes, "Our Old Church: a volume by Thos. Hughes, "Our Old Church: What shall we do with it?" and a volume of sermons, "Days of the Son of Man," by Rev. J. D. Vaughan; a treatise on "Modern Life and Insanity," by Dr. Hack Tuke; an important discussion "On Money and Value," by Rowland Hamilton; a compact, practical setting forth of "The First Principles of Agriculture, by Prof. Henry Tanner, of one of the great English agricultural schools; a work on "Metals, and their Chief Industrial Applications," by C. Alexander Wright; and, in the Clarendon Press series, editions of portions of Livy and Xenophon, edited for school use. A new novel, "Benedicta," by Mrs. Alfred Phillips, is also to be noted.

JOEL MUNSELL, Albany, has just ready the "Memoirs of John Brown," prepared by Mr. F. B. Sanborn, with Channing's memorial verses, a book of general historical interest as well as appealing to collectors.

Thos. Nelson & Sons will shortly issue two contributions to religious literature, "Before the Cross," by Bishop Titcomb, of the English

church, and a pamphlet on "Modern Material. ism," by Rev. W. F. Wilkinson.

T. B. Peterson & Bros. are issuing further volumes in their new "Peterson's American Edition" of Dickens, and will add to their popular "Dollar Series" of novels.

PORTER & COATES' new edition, in one vol. ume, of Wilson and Bonaparte's "American Ornithology" will contain all the plates of the large folio edition, reproduced in a much smaller size, together with the letter-press. It is heralded as the cheapest work in the market on the natural history of the birds of the United States. The new book on etiquette will differ materially from other works of the kind, "Etiquette of the Best Society," by H. O. Ward. The famous adventures of Baron Munchausen will be added to their 12mo series. as also "The Count of Monte Cristo," by Dumas. Both are printed from new stereotype plates.

POTT, YOUNG & Co. will shortly publish Cutt's "Turning-Points of English Church History," a volume called forth by the success of the previous book on "Turning-Points" of church history in general.

THE PRESEYTERIAN BOARD announce an important work by the Rev. Samuel Findley, D.D., corresponding member of the American Entomological Society, "Rambles Among Insects." Whilst popularizing this theme so as to interest the young, the author has sought scientific accuracy in every statement. It will be a 16mo, with seventy illustrations. They will also have "Jennie Prendle's Home," a bright narrative telling of the reform of an illordered household, through the agency of two little girls; "Outside the Gate," which shows, by the story of a bright colored boy, how to enter in at the gate; "Silas Gower's Daughters," by Annette Lucille Noble, 16mo, four illustrations—a very clever story, telling how a little leaven leavened the lump.

G. P. PUTNAM'S Sons will push forward their new series of the ablest review and magazine papers on topics of "Current Discussion" to the full extent of the public demand. The first volume, on "International Politics," will be promptly followed by that on "Questions of Belief," which will contain many of the very ablest papers recently written by the first of English writers. The first volume, covering the colonial period (1607–1765) of Prof. Moses Coit Tyler's "History of American Literature," on which this capable scholar has been for some years at work, is already in the press. Books of travel will include the brilliant description of "Constantinople," by Edmundo de Amicis, a bright book by Charles L. Norton and John Habberton, describing their adventures while "Canoeing in Kanuckia," with clever illustrations, and a new (third) edition of Hon. Charles K. Tuckerman's volume on "The Greeks of To-Day." A new story by John Habberton is of course a card: this will be "The Crew of the Sam Weller," a tale of the Mississippi River. There will be a "story in verse," "Poke O'Moonshine," based on a legend current in the mississippi. legend current in the vicinity of that mountain, on Lake Champlain, by Mr. L. C. Strong, whose "Castle Windows," a previous volume of poems, was well received. Rev. J. T. Sunderland's study of "The Bible, What Is It?" and the bound volume of "Pulpit Teachings on Great Subjects," represent religious literature.

To the Putnam series of art hand-books will be added manuals of flower painting, figure drawing, and the human figure. The series of "Economic Monographs" will be considerably extended. Mr. Charles Francis Adams, Jr.'s, work on "Railroads and the Railroad Question" will commend itself to students of politics and economics. Dr. William A. Hammond is preparing "A Treatise on the Injuries of the Brain, the Spinal Cord, and the Nerves," and among other medical books we have "The Vest Pocket Gray," for anatomical students, and "Clinical Cases, Medical and Surgical," by Dr. John O. Stone. In education, Dr. Schmitz's "History of Latin Literature," Collins' Mineralogy, Part II., and Tompkins' Machine Construction, of the Advanced Science series, and Prof. Bardwell's "Course in Arithmetic," are to be noted. "The Boy Engineers" fills out the capital "Boy with an Idea" series with a book that every boy will eagerly lay hold on.

A. D. F. RANDOLPH & Co. will print, in popular form, Prof. W. S. Tyler's able article in the March *New Englander*, on "The Teaching of Christ respecting the Duration of Future Punishment."

THE RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPER AGENCY, New York, will issue shortly a new volume of "The Complete Preacher," containing thirty-two sermons in full, by Christlieb, of Germany; Newman Hall, Farrar, Liddon, Cumming, Spurgeon, Brown, and Parker, of England; Père Hyacinthe, of France; Crosby, Duryea, Armitage, Beecher. Deems, Dabney, Cook, Rylance, Cuyler, and others, of America.

ROBERTS BROTHERS promise some excellent additions to their list of thoughtful and of entertaining books. Most of their forthcoming books belong to the former class, only one story, in the "No Name Series," being now announced, "Gemini," the story of New England twins, by their mother or some other near relative. One volume of poems, Edgar Fawcett's "Fantasy and Passion," is promised; one educational, "How to Parse," an attempt to apply to English grammar the principles of good scholarship, by E. A. Abbott, of London, who has already given "English Lessons for English People," and taught "How to Write Clearly." Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson ("H. H.") has collected her "Bits of Travel at Home" into a small book full of bright description. Philip Gilbert Hamerton, whose works all good readers enjoy, has written, under the title of "Modern Frenchmen," a series of biographical sketches of several of the more or less noted statesmen and writers of France. In religious literature Roberts Brothers' spring list is quite rich, embrac-ing "The Bible for Learners," by three learned Dutchmen, Oort, Hooykass, and Kuenen; translated by Rev. P. H. Wicksteed, in three volumes, the first including the Patriarchs, Moses, and the Judges; the second, the Kings and Prophets; and the third, Jesus and the Apostles. Other religious books are "Selections from the Life and Sermons of Tauler," the eminent German mystic, in the "Wisdom Series;" " Philochristus: Memoirs of a Disciple of the Lord," in which the story of Christ's life and works is told somewhat as it would have been told by the author of "Ecce Homo," to whom the book is dedicated; and Mrs. Lydia Maria Child's "Aspirations of the World,"

which demonstrates the universality of the religious instinct and the essential sympathy of religions.

GEORGE ROUTLEDGE & Sons will issue shortly Mr. Aug. J. C. Hare's "Walks in London," sure to be a pleasant book, which will have the advantage of illustrations and will be issued both in two and one volume editions. They are also pushing forward their new edition of Dumas' novels, in 12mo, of clear, handsome type.

SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & Co. are not yet prepared to state their future plans. They have already issued this spring a number of important and salable books, and others are in prospect, more or less remote. A second volume of Saxe Holm's remarkable stories will however be published shortly, containing several stories which have attracted much attention in the Magazine.

Scribner, Welford & Armstrong have just coming that most important work on "The History of Furniture," by Albert Jacquemart, as translated and edited by Mrs. Bury Palisser, a sumptuous book, full of illustrations, and interesting to every collector and art-lover, as well as to every one concerned practically in the making of furniture. The new hand-book in the South Kensington series is on "Tapestry." A number of new volumes in Bohn's Libraries are at hand, and a quantity of other fresh English publications are expected, of which it is not possible to give particulars.

Sheldon & Co. will shortly issue an American military novel, "The Cadet Button," from the pen of Captain Frederick Whitaker, which, with its pictures of cadet life at West Point and army life on the Indian frontier, is expected to make not a little of a hit. Another book deals with "Our Indian Population" directly; it is a careful discussion by Lt.-Col. E. S. Otis, U.S.A., of the number of Indians on our frontiers and their proper treatment in future.

J. L. SIBOLE has a new book coming, under the title of "The English in Ireland; or, People who Live in Glass Houses, etc." It is suggested by Freeman's "The Turks in Europe," the author, T. Adolphus, using the same arguments used by Freeman against the Turks, against the English themselves. The conclusion arrived at is that if it is just, as Freeman asserts, to drive the "Turks out of Europe," it will be equally so to drive the English out of Ireland. It will be a small pamphlet, uniform in size with Harpers' Half-Hour Series, at 25 cents.

E. & F. N. Spon have a number of new technical books in progress: an "Aid Book to Engineering Enterprise Abroad," by E. Mattheson, and "Remunerative Railways for New Countries," by R. C. Napier, and a treatise on the "Laying and Repairing of Electric Telegraph Cables," by Capt. V. Hoskiar.

E. STEIGER has nearly ready his "Educational Year Book," edited by Supt. Kiddle and Prof. Schem, which will of course be invaluable to all educators.

N. TIBBALS & Sons have just ready their volume of "Bits of Advice to Young Clergymen," in which the leading preachers of England and America join their experience to be of service to their juniors of the cloth.

E. B. TREAT will shortly issue (by subscrip tion) a new edition of Courtney's useful "Far-mers' and Mechanics' Manual," as revised, and that enlarged by the best man for the purpose, Col. Geo. E. Waring, Jr.

T. WHITTAKER has in preparation an edition of the Book of Common Prayer, with marginal references by Rev. O. W. Landreth; a course of sermons for the church year, by Rev. Dr. John N. Norton, "Trumpet Blasts;" Bishop Huntington's course-the Bohlen lectures for 1878on "The Sufficiency of Christianity to Man;" "Questions about Our Church" (the Episcopalian) answered by Rev. Geo. W. Shinn; a sketch of girl life, "Blessing and Blessed," by Mrs. G. S. Reamy; and another juvenile, "A Year at Briercliffe," by Hope Ledyard.

W. J. WIDDLETON has just ready a new edition of Rev. Wm. R. Alger's "Critical History of the Doctrine of the Future Life," with Prof. Ezra Abbott's valuable bibliography of the subject,-a reissue which is very timely in view of recent discussions.

JOHN WILEY & Sons have a new edition of that very charming book of Ruskin's for the instruction of children, "The Ethics of the Dust," and a third bound part of his "Fors Clavigera" letters.

WM. WOOD & Co. have in preparation "A Manual of the Diseases and Injuries of the Nervous System," by Dr. E. C. Seguin, one of the best authorities on this subject; a guide to "Domestic Hygiene," by Geo. Wilson, M.D., useful in all homes; a manual of "Diseases of Children," by Prof. Gerhardt; a translation of Gegenbauer's "Comparative Anatomy," and one of Binz on "The Elements of Therapeutics;" and the thirteenth volume of Ziemssen's great cyclopedia.

WOOD & HOLBROOK promise a valuable book of physiological advice as to "What Our Girls Ought to Know," by Mary J. Studley.

R. Worthington will soon issue new editions under his imprint of several of the books purchased by him from the Lovell firms, including Ralston's "Russian Folk Tales," "Ready Money Mortiboy," "The Member for Paris," "Famous Stories." etc.. etc.

PARIS EXPOSITION.

WE are glad to note the safe arrival of M. Terquem on the other side, announced in a cable dispatch from him. He will at once begin preparations in Paris for placing the collective publishing exhibit.

THE catalogues of the American Collective Exhibit have just been received from the Riverside Press, and copies will be sent at once to all exhibitors.

COMMISSIONER-GENERAL McCORMICK and his staff sailed for Europe to attend the Paris Exposition, on the steamer France, Wednesday. The office in the Post-Office Building will remain open until April 1st. No more goods intended for the exposition, to be transported at the government expense, will be received at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, the time for reception having closed Wednesday. Arrangements have been made with the French line to carry 500 tons on the steamship Canada, which will sail April 3.

MR. SAYLER'S POSTAL BILL, ETC.

A "NEW DEPARTURE" has been taken in the much-agitated postal question by the introduc. tion into the House, March 4th, by Mr. Sayler. of a new bill (H. R. 3628), which has been referred to the Post-Office Committee. This dispenses with the registration plan, bases the bulk rate on subscribership, and introduces other changes, some of which are in accordance with suggestions in the WEEKLY of January 12th. We give the variant sections below, with special points brought out in italics:

SEC. 1. That mailable matter shall be divided into four classes: First, written matter; sec-ond, periodical matter; third, other printed matter: fourth, merchandise.

SEC. 2. That mailable matter of the first class shall embrace letters, postal-cards, and all matter wholly or partly in writing, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. That mailable matter of the second class shall consist of periodical publications, sent to regular subscribers by the publishers or news-agents. [The definition of periodical publications is the same as in the last bill (WEEKLY, March 2d), except that the date or consecutive

numbering is not required.—Ed.]
Sec. 7. The term "subscriber," as used in the fourth and sixth sections, is defined to be a person who has actually paid, or undertaken to pay, a subscription-price for a regular publicaor undertaken to be made, by some other pertion, or for whom such payment has been made, son not connected with such publication. subscription necessary to constitute the person making it, or for whom it is made, a regular subscriber, must be for a period of time for which the publisher, according to his published terms, offers to supply his publication to subscribers by mail: Provided, however, Such time shall not be less than three months.

SEC. 8. That free copies of such publications sent to exchanges, and complimentary copies to authors or contributors, if sent regularly as to subscribers, for not less than three months, shall be entitled to transmission through the

mails as matter of the second class.

SEC. 11. That mailable matter of the third class shall consist of books, pamphlets, transient newspapers, and magazines; book and periodical manuscripts, proof-sheets, corrected proof-sheets, and the manuscript copy accompanying the same; printed or lithographed maps, handbills, posters, prospectuses, cards, blanks, circulars, price-lists, trade-lists, catalogues, and sheet-music; and all regular publications designed primarily for advertising purposes or free circulation or for circulation at nominal rates: Provided, etc. [as before].

SEC. 13. That mailable matter of the third class shall contain no writing, print, mark, or sign therein or thereon in addition to the original print, except as herein provided, to wit: the sender may print or write his name, business, and address thereon, with the word "from" above or preceding the same, and may make by hand simple marks intended to designate a word or passage of the text to which it is desired to call attention; and there may be placed upon the cover or blank leaves of any book or printed matter of the third class a simple manuscript dedication that does not partake

of the nature of a personal communication; and in printed price-lists the prices may be inserted in ink or pencil.

SEC. 14. That mailable matter of the fourth class shall consist of engravings, prints, chromolithographs, photographs, and stereoscopic views; blank cards, paper of every kind, envelopes, postal envelopes and wrappers, cardboard, and other flexible materials; flexible patterns; samples of ores, metals, minerals, woods, and merchandise: *Provided*, etc. [as before].

SEC. 19. That the weight of packages of matter of the third and fourth classes shall not exceed five pounds for each package thereof, except for books and documents published or circulated by the Federal or State governments, or official matter emanating from any of the departments of the Federal or State governments.

Sec. 24. That when a book-package, subject to customs duty, is received by mail from any foreign country, it shall be delivered to the collector of customs at the port of entry nearest to
the post-office to which it is addressed; he shall
notify the person to whom it is addressed the
amount of customs duty due on the package;
and, on the payment of said duty, the package
shall be delivered to the postmaster, to be forwarded to the person addressed. If the duty
is not paid within thirty days from the date of
notification, the package shall be returned to
the postmaster, who shall forward it to the
dead-letter office.

This bill of Mr. Sayler has not, however, been taken up in committee, which, it is understood, will make the bill last printed in the WEEKLY the basis of its discussion.

The following provisions, prohibiting the transmission of matter of the first and second classes by private express, and providing for a return message postal-card, are proposed for insertion in Judge Bissell's bill:

SECTION 24. That no person shall establish any private express for the conveyance of any article of first or second class mail matter, or in any manner cause or provide for the conveyance of the same by regular trips, or at stated periods, or transmit by private express, or deliver to any agent of such private express, or deposit, or cause to be deposited, at any appointed place, for the purpose of being transmitted, any article of first or second class mail matter over any post route which is or may be established by law, or from any city, town, or place between which the mail is regularly carried; and every person offending against any provision of this section, or aiding or assisting therein, shall for each offence forfeit and pay a fine of \$100.

SEC. 25. That no stage-coach, railway car, steamboat, or other vehicle or vessel which regularly performs trips at stated periods on any post-office route, or from one city, town, or place to any other city, town, or place, between which the mail is regularly carried, shall carry any person connected with or agent for any private express who shall have for the time being actually in his possession any article or articles of first or second class matter for the purpose of conveying any such article or articles contrary to the spirit, true intent, and meaning of this act, or shall carry otherwise than in the mail

any article of first or second class mail matter; and for every such offence the owner of any such stage-coach, railway car, steamboat, or other vehicle or vessel, shall forfeit and pay \$100, and the driver, conductor, master, or other person having charge thereof, and not at the time the owner of the whole or any part thereof, shall in like manner forfeit and pay for every such offence \$50.

SEC. 26. That nothing contained in the two foregoing sections shall be so construed as to prohibit the conveyance or transmission of the first and second class mail matter by private hands without compensation, or by special messenger employed for the particular occasion only, or in the case of mail matter of the first or second class any letter or written memorandum relating to some article carried at the same time by the same steamboat, railway car, stage-coach, or other vehicle, or of any article of second-class matter by any private person or persons in any city or town where the system of free delivery is established, or where such second-class mail matter may be published.

SEC. 27. That the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to introduce and furnish for public use a letter-sheet or envelope on which postage-stamps of the denominations now in use on ordinary envelopes shall be placed; and the Postmaster-General is authorized to introduce and furnish for public use a double postal-card on which shall be placed two one-cent stamps, and said card to be so arranged for the address that it may be forwarded and returned, said cards to be sold for two cents apiece; and also to introduce and furnish for public use a double letter envelope on which stamps of the denominations now in use may be placed, and with the arrangement for the address similar to the double postalcard; said letter-sheet and double postal-card and double envelope to be issued under such regulations as the Postmaster-General may prescribe, provided that no expense shall be incurred by the government in introducing said letter-sheet, double envelope, and double postal-

The House Postal Committee gave a hearing on Tuesday to representatives of Boston journals with reference to the pending bill, the argument being in opposition to the section of the bill proposing the payment of postage on all newspapers, except those delivered by local carriers. The committee is desirous of hearing the views of other persons on the subject, and for that purpose has designated Tuesday next.

COMMUNICATION.

THE COURTESY OF THE TRADE.

NEW YORK, March 20, 1878.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

We think the general good demands some statement of the circumstances attending a violation of the courtesy of the trade which has led to the reduction in price of Hesba Stretton's story, "Through a Needle's Eye," announced on another page.

For several years we have published the successive works of this writer from her advance copy, paying liberally for each. The usual arrangement was duly made for the present work, which was announced by us in the early autumn of last year and published in January, from very early sheets received from the author.

In November we had noted an announcement by another publisher, and had immediately advised him of our arrangement and previous announcement, and had no reason to suppose that the author's rights would not be respected

A rival edition now appears, however, at a time when but little more than half of the story has been published in England, in serial form or otherwise, and when of necessity nearly half the chapters must have been reprinted bodily from Respectfully,
DODD, MEAD & COMPANY. our edition.

STATIONERY NOTES.

THE accompanying cut illustrates the "Favorite" mucilage-stand manufactured by the Sponge Mucilage Co., 18 Vesey street, New York. The stand is of a convenient shape, and feeds the mucilage-which is of a good quality, prepared by an improved process, and is claimed to contain no acid or adul-



teration-through a sponge which is fitted into the neck of the bottle by means of a rubber flange; the sponge is covered by a metal cap which prevents it from becoming dry and hard. The stand is made in two sizes, and sells the smaller for \$12 and \$14 per gross, the larger for \$16 and \$18 a gross, with a special discount off in large quantities.

THE "Infants," a small bevel-edged children's calling card, is Ph. Hake's latest novelty.

C. S. Adams, with Willy Wallach, has gone on his regular trip South.

CHAMBERLAIN, WHITMORE & Co. have just introduced a line of papeteries which they call the "Two Orphans," and several new designs in wedding stationery.

F.W. Devoe & Co. have now ready a revised edition of Thompson's Roman Alphabet, which has not only proved itself of value for business

purposes, but also as a manual for schools and for amateurs.

LEROY W. FAIRCHILD & Co. have made an important improvement in their machinery, which enables them to copy the action of any steel pen, with the additional advantages of greater elasticity, durability, and uniform writting, as well as being able to control the spring, prevent unnecessary spread of the points, or a loss of flexibility,-thus adapting the gold pens of their manufacture to the wants of all writers.

AT the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Stationers' Board of Trade, held on the 13th inst., the financial report showed the monetary affairs to be in a satisfactory condition. The committee appointed to secure new rooms reported favorably upon a suit of rooms in the Broadway Bank building, but allowed the time to elapse, and other parties closed with the owner, leaving the committee to look up other locations.

AIKIN, LAMBERT & Co., 12 Maiden Lane, N. Y., have recently put on the market a pretty novelty in the shape of a Florida sea-bean charm pencil with a watch-key and compass attachment, and in initial monograms, emblems, etc. The beans are highly polished, and are in different shades of brown. These goods have become very popular, and have a ready sale. The celluloid egg-charm pencils are put up in a handsome nickel-plate pattern, besides an end-less variety of colors. The same firm are now getting ready for the Paris exhibition a large and varied line of gold pens and pencils.

BOOK NOTICES.

ON ACTORS AND THE ART OF ACTING, by George Henry Lewes. (Holt.) Just to mention the names of the fifteen papers comprised under the above title ought to be sufficient to arouse a most eager desire to read them. are entitled "Edmund Kean," "Charles Kean," "Rachel," "Macready," "Farren," "Charles Mathews," "Frédéric Lemaître," "The Two Keeleys," "Shakespeare as Actor and Critic," "On Natural Acting," "Foreign Actors on Our Stage," "The Drama in Paris, 1865," "The Drama in Germany, 1867," "The Drama in Spain, 1867," "First Impressions of Salvini, 1875." They bring before us, with all the fidelity of a photograph, the leading characteristics and peculiarities of these world-renowned actors of whom they treat; they tell us of the glories of the stage of the past, and point to the dawn of a new era in lart, even in our day; they contain many valuable suggestions about acting of interest to both the critic and the actor; and to sum up, are most delightfully written, unbiassed and true, and full of the impress of Mr. Lewes' well-known intellectual vigor. 12mo, cloth,

PUTNAM'S LIBRARY COMPANION, VOL. 1. 1877. (Putnam.) We have here, under one cover, the quarterly continuations of "The Best Reading," started by the Putnams last April. They are edited by Mr. F. B. Perkins, with the same care and discrimination evinced by him in "The Best Reading." The works are all classified under topics, and their literary merit indicated by letters. In fact, the same plan adopted in all the editions of the larger work will be found in this, the first year's supplement, even to characteristic or descriptive remarks appended to many of the titles. No one should be without this little periodical, if they desire to keep up with current literature and know just what is doing in the publishing world. It can be subscribed for, in advance, at 50 cents per year, the subscriber receiving four numbers in the year; or it can be bought at the end of the year, complete in one volume, as this is issued, in flexible board covers, for 50 cents.

DOSIA, from the French of Henry Greville, by Mary N. Sherwood. (Estes & Lauriat.) The beginning of Dosia's story is very ingeniously introduced. It is told by a young Russian officer at his birthday fête, and so excites the interest and imagination of a brother officer that, when he meets Dosia, he is prepared to fall in love with her at once. The story has but four important characters in it, Dosia, her cousin Pierre Monrief, Count Sourof, and his sister, the Princess Koutsky. Dosia is a bright and original characterization, but the Princess divides the interest with her very evenly. events are few, such as are presented turning simply upon the love complications of the four people mentioned. The style is very pleasing and animated, the dialogue clever and vivacious, and the manner of presenting the characters exceedingly graphic. The story is thoroughly Russian in all particulars. It has been one of the great successes of the day in Paris. "Cobweb Series of Choice Fiction." 12mo, cloth, \$1.50.

LANGUAGE AND LANGUAGES, by the Rev. Frederic W. Farrar. (Dutton.) This reprints two of Mr. Farrar's oldest and best-known Works, "Chapters on Language" and Families of Speech." The first was written in defence of the theory of onomatopæia, as the only discovered or discoverable basis of language; the second was composed of lectures delivered before the Royal Institution of Great Britain, in 1869. That they have been found of great use by the students of the science of language is proved by the numerous editions they have gone through and the continued demand for them. Philologists will be glad to see the two works, as now presented, in one volume, and to know that the author states, in so issuing them, he has not found it necessary to alter a single material fact, although the study of eleven years would have enabled him, if it were possible, to add largely to the subject. 12mo, cloth, \$2.50.

A HAND-BOOK OF VOLUMETRIC ANALYSIS, by Edward Hart, S.B. (Wiley.) This volume is intended for a hand-book for the use of those who are much occupied with volumetric work. The methods described are most of them general, and have been carefully selected and brought up to date. It is believed that few valuable processes have been omitted. Part. I. contains directions for the selection of apparatus, correction of errors, preparation of solutions, etc. Part II. is devoted to the methods of estimating the elements, and their more important compounds. Part III. contains a few cases of the application of methods described in Part II. The book is hand-somely printed in clear large type, and illustrated throughout. 12mo, cloth, \$2.50.

THE WRECK OF THE "GROSVENOR." (Harper.)
Tales of the sea generally have only a special
interest, but this is so graphically written that
almost every one will feel the charm of the style

and be delighted with the romance of the narrative. It is not only "an account of the mutiny of the crew and the loss of the ship when trying to make the Bermudas," but a love story of unusual freshness, and a picture of manly devotion and heroism quite out of the common range of fiction. It has its moral, too, which points at the too frequent practice of dishonest shipowners sending ships to sea with provisions utterly unfit to eat. 80, paper, 30 cents.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

A NOVEL, "Rutherford," by Mr. Edgar Fawcett, will shortly be commenced as a serial in The Library Table.

WE understand that the recent consolidation of the two American Tract Societies will result in quite a reduction in the retail prices of the Boston society's books.

"ÆSTHETICS," by Eugene Veron, and "Philosophy," by Andre Levevre, the fourth and fifth volumes of the "Library of Contemporary Science," are now in press at Messrs. J. B. Lippincott & Co.'s, and scheduled for early issue.

THE Committee of Ways and Means is engaged on a second revision of the Wood tariff. The duty on printers' ink and ink powders is made 35 per cent ad valorem, and on playing cards costing over 25 cents per pack, 35 cents per pack.

THE Consul-General of Brazil, 40 Broadway, has received a request from the Navy Minister, Rio Janeiro, to forward the catalogues of American publishers, in view of the proposed establishment of a naval library at Rio. Publishers will do well to send catalogues to the above address.

R. Worthington has purchased all the remainders and stereotype plates of Lovell, Adam, Wesson & Co.; also, Warwick & Co.'s stereotype plates and the Lovell Printing and Publishing Co.'s stereotype plates, all of which will in future be published by Mr. Worthington, 750 Broadway, New York.

MR. FLETCHER HARPER, at the suggestion of his wife, has bought the Sea Shore Cottage at Atlanticville, N. J., which will be used hereafter as a home for sick and infirm persons attached to the publishing house of Harper & Brothers. Mrs. Harper will have entire superintendence of the establishment. This is indeed "a good deed in a naughty world."

It is stated by the *Publishers' Circular*, London, that the Association for the Reform and Codification of the Law of Nations has appointed a copyright committee, to endeavor to effect a settlement of the question of international copyright.

GERMANY, according to the report of Hinrichs of Leipsic, published in 1877 13,925 books, against 13,356 recorded in 1876. The educational books still lead, with 1817 volumes; those on jurisprudence, politics, and statistics fall off from last year, but are still second with 1268; theology holds its third place, increasing to 1253; belles-lettres, including fiction, poetry, and drama, counts 1126. There are notable fallings off in the natural and mathematical sciences.

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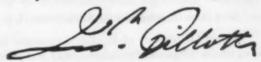


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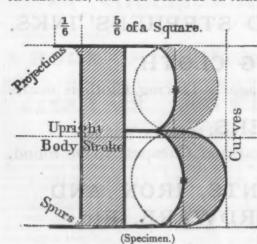
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